Rome Scala Santa
Fri 26th Novr 1875

My dear Maria

Enclosed is the 1st half of £5 note numr
(2 42654) 59 & when I receive your answer that
you have received it, I will send the other half. &
when you join them you may consider it safe
box What awfull inundations of the Thames
you have, what misery it must cause, for the
damp will remain all the winter – as yet I
have not heard from poor dear Eleanor, whose house
must be under water
Great rain has commenced here & 'tis feared
that the Tiber may overflow
Tell dear Emma that Dr Schneider
presented her letter this morn
Now I am called to Supper so good bye
your loving brother
Joe